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SUBJ: OKINAWAN VISIT TO PRC

1. THE OKINAWAN FRIENDSHIP DELEGATION LEB BY PREFECTURAL GOVERNOR
CHOBYO YARA RETURNED TO OKINAWA MAY 5 AFTER A TWO WEEK VISIT TO THE
PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF CHINA. THE DELEGATION, WHICH INCLUDED RE-

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PRESENTATIVES OF THE VARIOUS OKINAWAN REFORMIST PARTIES, REPORTEDLY
VISITED PEKING, CANTON, NANKING AND SHANGHAI. AT HIS RETURN PRESS
CONFERENCE YARA PRESENTED A GUSHING PICTURE OF THE TOUR, OF THEIR
RECEPTION AND OF LIFE IN CHINA, WHERE, ACCORDING TO YARA, NOT A
SINGLE WEED WAS TO BE SEEN IN THE PADDYFIELDS.

2. YARA REPORTED THAT THE DELEGATION HAD PROPOSED A SISTER CITY

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RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN NAHA AND FOOCHOW, THE OPENING OF A TRADE ROUTE,

AND ARRANGEMENTS CONCERNING OKINAWANS LIVING IN CHINA.

3. PRIOR TO THEIR DEPARTURE FOR CHINA, THE DELEGATION PROCLAIMED THAT IT WOULD MEET WITH PREMIER CHOU AND WOULD VISIT FOOCHOW. THE LOCAL LEFTIST PRESS IGNORED THE FAILURE OF EITHER OF THESE EVENTS TO MATERIALIZE, BUT OTHERWISE GAVE FULL COVERAGE TO THE TRAVELS OF THE DELEGATION AND TO THEIR RECEPTION WHICH EVIDENTALLY WAS APPROPRIATELY WARM FOR THESE VISITING PROVINCIALS.

4. COMMENT. THE CHINESE DID NOT PROVIDE THE OKINAWANS WITH ANY ANTI-AMERICAN MATERIAL WHICH THE LEFTIST DELEGATION (AND ACCOMPANYING REPORTERS) WOULD HAVE WELCOMED. THE PRESS DULY REPORTED CHINESE COMMENT ADMIRING THE OKINAWAN STRUGGLE FOR REVERSION BUT WITH THE EXCEPTION NOTED HONG KONG 4533 THE CHINESE APPARENTLY GENERALLY AVOIDED COMMENT ABOUT THE SECURITY TREATY OR U.S. BASES ON OKINAWA. THIS IS IN DEEPIING WITH PREVIOUS OKINAWAN EXPERIENCE WITH THE CHINESE WHO HAVE AVOIDED FISHING IN OKINAWAN WATERS. DECONTROL MAY 7, 1975.

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